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SUBJ: LEBANON: ISRAELI ARMS DELIVERIES

1. AT END OUR DISCUSSION AUGUST 10 SARKIS SAID REASON HE HAD PARTICULARLY WANTED TO SEE ME WAS TO REPORT THAT ISRAELIS WERE CONTINUING TO DELIVER HEAVY EQUIPMENT TO LEBANESE FRONT. GOL HAD EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT OF UNLOADING OF ARMORED EQUIPMENT (HE USED TERM "BLINDEES" WHICH IS OFTEN USED INDISCRIMINATELY LOCALLY TO MEAN EITHER ARMORED CARS OR TANKS) AND OF ARTILLERY PIECES (CANONS) IN LAST FEW DAYS. HE WAS UNABLE TO DESCRIBE THEM ANY FURTHER THAN THAT BUT SAID HE WOULD HAVE PRECISE AND DETAILED INFORMATION SENT TO ME.

2. REMEMBERING WHAT G-2 PRODUCED LAST TIME WE WENT THROUGH EXERCISE LIKE THIS, I AM NOT VERY CONFIDENT WE ARE GOING TO GET ANY USEABLE INTELLIGENCE, BUT REPORT THE ABOVE BECAUSE SARKIS WAS OBVIOUSLY CONCERNED BY REPORTS HE HAS BEEN RECEIVING AND THERE MAY BE SOME TRUTH TO THEM. MY ARMATT AND HIS BRITISH COLLEAGUE BOTH BELIEVE LEBANESE FRONT HAS RECEIVED NEW ARMORED EQUIPMENT DURING PAST MONTH.

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